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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

IN RE: Bard IVC Filters Products Liability
 Litigation

MDL NO. 15-02641-PHX-DGC

**DEFENDANTS C. R. BARD, INC.'S
 AND BARD PERIPHERAL
 VASCULAR, INC.'S ANSWER AND
 GENERAL DENIAL IN RESPONSE
 TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED
 COMPLAINT IN CASE NO. CV-16-
 03807-PHX-DGC; JURY TRIAL
 DEMAND**

Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. ("Bard") and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. ("BPV") (Bard and BPV are collectively "Defendants") hereby file this Answer and General Denial in response to the First Amended Complaint served on Defendants in *Denise Smith, Individually and on behalf of the Estate of Ronald Smith v. C. R. Bard, Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-16-03807-PHX-DGC ("Answer and General Denial"). Defendants further reserve

1 the right to file any motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim with respect to this case, as
 2 set forth in Amended Case Management Order No. 4.

3 With respect to the allegations plaintiff(s) raise in *Denise Smith, Individually and on*
 4 *behalf of the Estate of Ronald Smith v. C. R. Bard, Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-16-
 5 03807-PHX-DGC, Defendants deny, generally and specifically, each and every allegation in
 6 plaintiff(s)' Complaint, the whole thereof, and each and every cause of action therein.
 7 Defendants further deny that the plaintiff(s) has sustained, or is entitled to recover, damages
 8 in any amount alleged or in any sum whatsoever. Defendants further deny that they are liable
 9 to the plaintiff in any amount, and further deny that the plaintiff has sustained injury, damage,
 10 or loss by reason of any act or omission by Defendants.

11 As for additional defenses, and without assuming any burden of pleading or proof that
 12 would otherwise rest on plaintiff(s), Defendants incorporate by reference the responses and
 13 Affirmative Defenses set forth in Defendants' Answer to Plaintiffs' Master Complaint filed in
 14 MDL 2641 on December 17, 2015 (Doc. 366). Defendants further reserve the right to raise
 15 such other affirmative defenses as may be available or apparent during discovery or as may
 16 be raised or asserted by other defendants in this case. Defendants have not knowingly or
 17 intentionally waived any applicable affirmative defense. If it appears that any affirmative
 18 defense is or may be applicable after Defendants have had the opportunity to conduct
 19 reasonable discovery in this matter, Defendants will assert such affirmative defense in
 20 accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

21 **REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

22 Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. demand a trial by jury
 23 on all issues appropriate for jury determination.

24 **WHEREFORE**, Defendants aver that the plaintiff(s) is/are not entitled to the relief
 25 demanded in the plaintiff(s)' Complaint, and these Defendants, having fully answered, pray
 26 that this action against them be dismissed and that they be awarded their costs in defending
 27 this action and that they be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems just and
 28 appropriate.

1 This 23rd day of May, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 23, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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